

## SENATE BILL No. 264

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-28-13.

**Synopsis:** Choices for teachers program. Provides that a public school teacher who applies to work and is subsequently employed in a public school or charter school that meets certain criteria is entitled to a stipend of \$10,000 annually for the first two years the teacher is employed in the school. Makes an appropriation to the office of management and budget to cover the costs of providing the stipends. Provides that the office of management and budget may cap the amount of funds distributed during a state fiscal year at \$2,500,000.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]:

4 **Chapter 13. Choices for Teachers**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible school" refers to:**

- 6 (1) a noncharter public school that has been placed in either  
7 of the two (2) lowest categories or designations of school  
8 performance and academic growth under IC 20-31-8-4; or  
9 (2) a charter school in which at least fifty percent (50%) of the  
10 students enrolled are eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible teacher" refers to a**  
12 **teacher who meets the qualifications set forth in section 4 of this**  
13 **chapter.**

14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of**  
15 **management and budget established under IC 4-3-22-3.**

16 **Sec. 4. A teacher who meets all of the following qualifications is**



1 an eligible teacher:

2 (1) The teacher is teaching in a noncharter public school or a  
3 charter school at the time the teacher applies to work in an  
4 eligible school that is not the school in which the teacher is  
5 employed at the time the teacher makes the application.

6 (2) The teacher is offered and accepts employment as a  
7 teacher at an eligible school.

8 (3) The teacher completes the school year as a teacher in the  
9 eligible school that hired the teacher.

10 Sec. 5. An eligible teacher is entitled to receive a stipend in the  
11 amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually at the end of  
12 each of the first two (2) school years after the eligible teacher  
13 begins employment with an eligible school.

14 Sec. 6. (a) The office shall distribute stipends to eligible teachers.

15 (b) To receive a stipend, an eligible teacher must submit an  
16 application to the office that demonstrates the teacher's eligibility  
17 to receive the stipend.

18 (c) The amounts necessary to pay stipends under this chapter  
19 are annually appropriated to the office from the state general fund.

20 (d) The office may limit the amount of stipends paid to two  
21 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) during a state  
22 fiscal year.

23 Sec. 7. A school corporation or charter school may not pay an  
24 eligible teacher a lesser salary than is paid to a comparable teacher  
25 employed by the school corporation or charter school.

